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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Joint Ph.D. in Politics & Social Policy. Department of Politics & The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 2008.

Areas of Specialization: Child, Youth and Family Policy; American Political Development

Dissertation: Agents of Social Change: Police-Social Policy Engagement in Four New England Cities

Master of Arts, Social Policy. The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 2003.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (Honors). University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, August 2014-present (*Assistant Professor*, August 2008-2014)
Department of Political Science, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

- Teach in the Public Policy and Administration and Masters in Public Administration programs

Research Associate, April 2007-February 2008

Center for Youth and Communities, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

- Engaged in a national evaluation of the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship; Work included literature reviews, focus groups with students, interviews with teachers and administrators, and analysis of qualitative data

Instructor, August 2004-May 2006

Stonehill College, Easton, MA

- Designed and taught Introduction to American Government and Politics (2 sections per semester)

Research Assistant, October 2000-May 2006

Center for Youth and Communities, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

- Assisted in researching and writing foundation reports and other publications.
- Projects included:
 - *International Youth Foundation / Nokia*: Participated in a program analysis of *Make a Connection*, a global youth development program emphasizing skill-building and civic engagement
 - *Kellogg Foundation*: Investigated the role of higher education in fostering youth academic achievement
 - *Annie E. Casey Foundation*: Assessed the literature on best practices of colleges and universities as economic anchors
 - *Kauffman Foundation*: Developed a framework for youth development programming
 - *Policy Link*: Created a guide for connecting community builders to national policy
 - *Brandeis University*: Researched college diversity and campus climate initiatives

Teaching Assistant, January 2005-May 2006

Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

- Graded papers for MA and MBA courses in Program and Policy Evaluation

Teaching Fellow, January 2001-May 2004

Politics Department, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

- Prepared and presented lectures to supplement professors' courses in Political Science, including American Government, Race and Ethnicity, Constitutional Law, and Political Theory
- Responsible for meeting with undergraduates, holding review sessions, and grading student papers and exams

Nutrition Programs & Policy Specialist, September 1999 – August 2000

Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger, South Burlington, VT

- Coordinated statewide expansion of National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs
- Prepared grant proposals and performed other fundraising activities to support child nutrition programs
- Educated policy makers and public about the effects of childhood hunger
- Designed organization's legislative agenda; planned and promoted annual legislative advocacy day at the statehouse
- Mentored a high school student's creation of a student volunteer program at Summer Food sites; supervised groups of students from area high schools

Member, November 1998 - September 1999

Vermont Anti-Hunger Corps, South Barre, VT

- Served as an Americorps member at the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger.
- Coordinated citywide collaborations to expand Summer Food Program
- Led statewide and regional workshops on the Summer Food Program
- Facilitated outreach to the media

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Courses

- Policy Analysis
- Education and Social Policy
- Social Welfare and Local Policy

Undergraduate Courses

- U.S. Government
- Introduction to Public Policy
- Policy Analysis
- Education and Social Policy
- Social Welfare and Local Policy
- Senior Seminar in Policy Evaluation
- Senior Seminar in Applied State Policy Analysis

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Teaching Interests

- American Government
- State and Local Government
- Introduction to Public Policy
- Policy Analysis
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Program Evaluation
- Education Policy
- Social Welfare Policy
- Family and Youth Policy
- Criminal Justice Policy

Research Interests

- Youth Development
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Community Policing
- Education Policy
- Civic Engagement
- University-Community Partnerships
- Policy Innovation and Diffusion

PUBLICATIONS

Teye, A.C., & Peaslee, L. (2015). Measuring Educational Outcomes for At-Risk Children and Youth: Issues with the Validity of Self-Reported Data. *Child and Youth Care Forum*, 44(1), 853-873.

Peaslee, L., & Teye, A. C. (2015, February). Testing the Impact of Mentor Training and Peer Support on the Quality of Mentor-Mentee Relationships and Outcomes for At-Risk Youth. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. NCJ 248719. <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/grants/248719.pdf>

Peaslee, Liliokanaio and Nicholas Swartz. 2013. *Virginia Government: Institutions and Policy*. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Woodika, Reid, Nicholas Swartz and Liliokanaio Peaslee. 2012. Taking the Classroom to Town Hall: Advancing Public Affairs Education through University-Municipal Collaborations. *Journal of Public Affairs Education*. 18(2), 271–294.

Peaslee, Liliokanaio and Andrew Hahn. 2011. Strengthening rural communities through investment in youth education, employment, and training. In *Economic restructuring and family and child well-being in rural America*, ed. Kristin Smith and Ann Tickamyer. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press.

Peaslee, Liliokanaio. 2009. Police - Social Service Collaboration: Creating Effective Partnerships. In *Community Policing and Peacekeeping*, ed. Peter N. Grabosky, 95-116. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.

Peaslee, Liliokanaio. 2009. Community policing and social service partnerships: Lessons from New England. *Police Practice and Research*, 10, no. 2 (April): 115 – 131.

Hahn, Andrew, Casey Coonerty, and Liliokanaio Peaslee. 2003. *Colleges and universities as economic anchors: Profiles of promising practices*, Providence, RI: Campus Compact.

Hahn, Andrew, Susan Lanspery, Paul Aaron, Brenda Hostetler and Liliokanaio Peaslee. 2002. *Youth development policy: What foundations can do to promote policy in support of the emerging field of youth development*, Kansas City, MO: Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Volunteer Motivations and Youth Mentoring: Validating of the Volunteer Functions Inventory,” with Dr. Amanda Teye, 2017 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC April 12-15, 2017.

“The promise of youth mentoring: An evaluation of participant and nonparticipant outcomes,” with Dr. Amanda Teye, 2017 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC April 12-15, 2017.

“Testing the Impact of Mentor Training and Peer Support on the Quality of Mentor-Mentee Relationships and Outcomes for At-Risk Youth,” with Amanda Teye. Paper presented at the 2015 Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. Charleston, South Carolina September 30 – October 3, 2015.

“The Need for Improved Outcome Measures for Assessing the Impact of Mentoring on At-Risk Youth,” coauthored with Amanda Cleveland. Paper prepared for the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April 17-19, 2014 Seattle, WA.

“Testing the Impact of Mentor Training and Coach Support on the Quality of Mentor-Mentee Relationships and Outcomes for At-Risk Youth,” with Amanda Cleveland. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2013.

“Assessing Mentoring Relationships: Factors Affecting Mentor Perceptions of Match Quality,” coauthored with Amanda Cleveland and Chris Murguia. Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2013.

“Implementing an Experimental Design in Youth Mentoring Programs: Lessons for Community-based Research and Evaluation,” with Amanda Cleveland, Gary Kirk, Nicholas Steinbrecher, and Sue Totty. *Ask the Expert* roundtable presentation at the American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (March 2013).

“Developing a Child Youth Outcome Survey: Evidence-Based Research on Improving Instrumentation for Youth Mentoring Programs,” coauthored with Amanda Cleveland and Chris Murguia. Paper presented at the National Youth-at-Risk Conference Savannah, GA (March 2013).

“Shaping a Culture of Service Learning in Public Administration: The Partners in Community Leadership Model at James Madison University,” with Amanda Cleveland and Nicholas Swartz. *Presented at the 35th Annual Teaching Public Administration Conference. South Padre Island, TX (May, 2012).*

“Enhancing Local Government Capacity through University-Community Partnerships,” coauthored with Nicholas Swartz and Reid Wodicka. Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference. Seattle Washington September 2011.

“Taking the Classroom to Town Hall: The Experiences of a Partnership Between James Madison University’s Public Policy and Administration Program and the Town of Elkton, VA” co-authored with Nicholas Swartz and Reid Wodicka. Paper presented at the South Eastern Conference of Public Administrators (SECoPA), Wilmington, NC October 2010.

“Measurement Challenges in Analyzing the Impact of Municipal Political Structure on

the Adoption of Community Policing.” Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL April 2010.

Discussant, Civic Engagement Track. American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, MA February 2009.

“Agents of Social Change: Police-Social Service Partnerships in Four New England Cities.” Paper presented at ANU/Berkeley Workshop on Community Policing, Australian National University, Canberra December 2007.

“Agents of Social Change: Conditions Promoting Police-Social Policy Collaboration in Four New England Cities.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Panel on State and Urban Politics, Chicago, IL April 2007.

“Agents of Social Change: Conditions Promoting Police-Social Policy Collaboration in Four New England Cities.” Paper presented at conference on Policing American Politics: How Authorities Channel Social and Political Participation, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA March 2007.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Reducing Adolescent Depression: Findings from an Evaluation of Youth Mentoring,” with Dr. Amanda Cleveland.

“Enhancing Local Government Capacity through University-Community Partnerships,” with Dr. Nicholas Swartz.

RELEVANT CONSULTING, GRANTS & AWARDS

Alger Family Faculty Endowment Award, 2018.

- University-wide award (\$1,000) honors a faculty member who possesses a record of achievement in engaged learning, civic engagement or community engagement.

Independent Consultant, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Jan 2015- Present.

U.S. DOJ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, October 2013

- \$ 299,221 Mentoring Best Practices Research Grant Award, with Dr. Amanda Cleveland.

Finalist, Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty, 2013

- One of six national finalist for NERCHE’s Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty.

Finalist, Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty, 2013

- One of eight national finalist for NERCHE’s Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement for Early Career Faculty.

U.S. DOJ Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, October 2011

- \$ 438,228 Mentoring Best Practices Research Grant Award, with Drs. Amanda Cleveland and Gary Kirk.

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, June 2006

- \$3,500 Research Grant

Politics Summer Research Grant, Brandeis University, Summer 2006, 2005

- \$1,200 grant (each summer) to facilitate dissertation-related research

Provost Award, April 2006

- \$600 for software and other dissertation expenses

Heller Alumni Dissertation Grant, October 2005

- \$2,300 grant for equipment and dissertation expenses

Gordon Public Policy Fellow, Brandeis University, Sept. 2000-May 2004

- Four-year stipend of \$13,000 and full tuition coverage per year

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE (JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY)

- JMU Conflict of Interest Committee, Fall 2014 – present.
- Tenure and Promotion PAC, Fall 2014 – present.
- Faculty Advisor, Policy and Administration Student Organization, 2012 – present.
- Faculty Advisor, JMU Amnesty International Club, 2009 – present.
- Public Policy and Administration Major Coordinator, Fall 2014 – Spring 2018.
- MPA representative to the CAL Diversity Committee, Fall 2014.
- Civic Engagement Committee, School of Public and International Affairs, 2008 – 2015.
- Senior Seminar and Research Methods Course Review Committee, Spring 2013.
- Partners in Community Leadership Planning Committee, 2012 – 2013.
- Faculty Member in Residence, London Study Abroad Program, Fall 2102.

- Civic Learning Mentor, Office of Judicial Affairs, September 2009 – May 2013.
- Department Merit PAC, 2011.
- Departmental Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee, 2011.
- PUAD Search Committee, 2010-2011.
- Assessment Committee for Undergraduate Major in Public Policy and Administration, 2010 – 2011.
- On-Line Class Planning Committee, 2009.
- Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Administration, Fall 2009.
- Master of Public Administration Accreditation and Review Committee, Fall 2008-August 2009.
- Interdisciplinary Substance Abuse Prevention Minor Planning Committee, Spring 2009.
- Course Evaluation Revision Committee, 2008-2009.
- Peer Advising Committee, 2008-2009.
- “Get the Dirt on JMU,” Resident Life, Spring 2009.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- ***Evaluator***, Rockingham-Harrisonburg Drug Treatment Court (February 2018 – present).
- ***Member***, We Read to Succeed Advisory Board, a city-wide early childhood literacy initiative facilitated by the United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.
- ***Secretary***, Office on Children and Youth of Harrisonburg Rockingham County Board of Directors.
- ***Program Evaluation Team***, We Read to Succeed. Big Brothers Big Sisters early literacy-based mentoring program funded by the United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.
- ***Program Evaluation Team***, Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant. An approved Department of Education Grant for \$700,000 received by the Boys and Girls Club of Harrisonburg Rockingham County. Grant No. Q215F120107. (Fall 2012 – Spring 2014).
- ***Moderator***, Panel on Children’s Health Issues. Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Wilmington, NC October 2010.

- *Discussant*, Civic Engagement Track. American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, MA February 2009.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- ASPA (American Society of Public Administrators)
- APSA (American Political Science Association)